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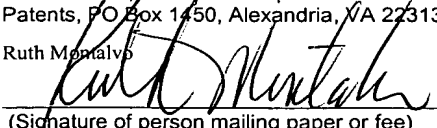
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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. A petition for and the requisite fee for a one-month extension of time are filed herewith. Thus, the period for response is set to expire on December 10, 2004. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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